

Every section of this painting has symbolic meaning.



Negai no Hito (a man of prayers) standing on the statue's lap is trying to stop the Atomic Bomb before it can devastate the world.



The 66 stars represent the children. Under the shining stars, a rainbow extends out of the statue, from the darkness of the past toward the hope and promise of the future.



The peaceful earthballoon with pure white wings is flapping away to the bright future, while the Yuge children's songs are reverberating.



The flapping huge Orizuru (origami crane) draws the rainbow to a peaceful world. Orizuru is the symbol of peace and fortune in Japan.



Their surroundings are blessed by rich nature. The spring water of Kumamoto is spurting out like the Peace Fountain in Nagasaki Peace Park.



The flower road of Peace leads to the horizon and the outer world beyond. The road is lined with Japanese cedar trees, just like a road in the children's neighborhood.



These are some of the famous local landmarks in Kumamoto prefecture, including grand Mt. Aso volcano and the clean Shirakawa river.



The children are hand in hand pressing ahead near the landmine that has been disabled by covering it with the bamboo trees from their living area.



These are people from various countries who have different ethnic backgrounds. They walk together toward peace, live together in harmony, sharing a great time!



The flowers were painted by each of the 66 children. The beautiful flower road leads to the world beyond the horizon scattering peace seeds.



Mr. Chris Moon who has his leg lost by a land mine participated in the Aso Marathon with a prosthetic limb on. He is lifted up by a peace dove and flying with the birds.



YUGE KIDS' GUERNICA was created by the 66 graduates of the Yuge Elementary School of 2004. Their wishes are enclosed within the borders of this mural.

Could the YUGE children's wishes reach you? If so, please send your impressions to us.
Your message will be an evidence to share the wishes for peace with us and other children in the world.

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